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1. Petition

Applicants request the withdrawal of the above-referenced patent application from issue.

2. Patent Issue Fee

The issue fee for this application was transmitted on March 9, 2004. Neither an issue date nor a patent number has been assigned.

3. Reason for Withdrawal Request

Applicants request withdrawal of this application from issue to permit consideration of the Request for Continued Examination and accompanying Eighth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith.

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4. Petition Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h))

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Petition fee in the amount of \$130.00 and any other fee associated with the Petition to deposit account No. 50-0496.

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